

The Free Trader.

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Vicinity Items.

There are sixteen cheese factories in De Kalb county.

The Illinois Watch Co., of Springfield, now employs 1,000 persons.

Aurora's new directory gives that town a population estimated at 16,000.

Dr. Olmstead, of Peru, formerly of this city, has invented another style of road cart.

The hominy works at Pekin started up recently, running night and day, and will use 3,500 bushels of corn every twenty-four hours.

Since October 1st, under the two-cent postage rate, Peru's letter mail is one-third larger than before, while fewer pests are used.

Burglars have been stirring up La Salle this week, two business houses having been entered and considerable property taken.

The price of gas is to be reduced by the Aurora Gas Light Company after the first of January, from \$3 to \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet.

On Sunday night burglars entered the dry goods store of C. J. Hank, Peru, carrying off goods to the amount of one thousand dollars.

It is stated that the C. B. & Q. company is surveying a line from Savanna, Ill., to Galena, Ill., along the Mississippi river. The distance is about 30 miles.

G. W. Dow, of Marseilles, has invented a folding bed for children's use, and has rented a building for their manufacture, having gotten quite a number of orders.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific employs 8,381 persons, to whom it pays annually \$4,236,016. The salaries range from \$6,000 to \$300 annually, the latter being the pay of the flagmen.

At Millington a wagon bridge is built part way and a foot bridge the rest, so the crossing is good now. They have a splendid lot of stone on hand and the whole work looks like a new bridge.

Rev. Mr. Lewis died after a long and lingering sickness at his home near Yorkville, Ill., October 11, 1883. He was born in Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y., April 3d, 1797; commenced to preach at the age of 45, had a family of 11 children.

Workmen in a sand-pit at Kankakee unearthed the skeletons of three Indians, their guns, hatchets, jewelry, and a stone pipe filled with tobacco partially burned, and the remainder good. Coins and pieces of armor bearing hieroglyphics were also found.

It is stated that a special train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, consisting of three cars, on October 21, ran from Quincy to Chicago, 263 miles, in five and one-half hours, an average of nearly forty-eight miles an hour. If this includes stoppages, it is a very remarkable run.

The big railroad water pond at Mendota is about completed, and is ready to receive the fall rains. There is much curiosity manifested by the citizens to see how much water it will take to fill the big basin.

The company are engaged in laying the mains to conduct the water from the reservoir to the depot.

Now that the exhibition of the electric light is over, the incorporators of the Mendota company have been quietly at work disposing of the stock. Thus far about one thousand shares at \$10 each, have been disposed of, and the balance of five hundred shares will no doubt find subscribers during the coming week.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. has just commenced grading for a second track between Bureau and Sheffield, twenty miles west. There is a large force of men at work, and with favorable weather they expect to finish in February. This will make a continuous line of double track from Rock Island to Chicago.

Peru News: "A society of German business men and property owners of La Salle was lately organized, its object being to further business projects and to work for a change in the municipal affairs of the city. The following officers were elected: Pres. R. Rimmels, Sec. C. A. Schulz, C. Brautigan; Treasurer, C. Diesterweg."

The Streator Times' new man, W. J. Hynes, last week published a bitter attack on Harry Watson, and the latter thinking it unbecoming for him to remain Saturday evening on charge of criminal libel. He was brought before Esq. Dicus, when he waived examination and was held in bonds of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury.

The other day a Seneca coal miner, by the name of John Barrett, had the middle finger of his left hand badly smashed by coal falling on it. He and his "buddy" were at work together in a room, when a fall of about two tons of coal occurred. His hand was caught between the coal and a prop, holding him fast. After considerable work he was released.

At the Streator Bottle Works on Sunday the time in the lime house which had become affected by the wet weather became so heated that it set the building on fire. It had burned through the floor and one side of the building when it was discovered and put out about 10 o'clock. It was a narrow escape and if the fire had started at some other time there is every probability that the entire works would have gone.

Streator Free Press: "Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Toulon, when about to start to the timber to cut some wood a few days ago, had such a presentiment that something was going to happen to him that he spoke about it and even read a chapter in the bible on account of it. He then went there

and while at work was struck by a rebounding sappling that was bent down by a falling tree and knocked senseless, not recovering for some time.

La Salle Democrat: "How many will take out the \$500 liquor license is the question now agitating our people. A month or so ago out of the 89 saloons running it was thought at least 40 would stem the high license, but now it is thought not half of that number will run this winter. Within a very few days four saloon keepers have quit business, and as the first of November advances the saloons will close up here at a rapid rate. It is now thought that no more than twenty men will take out the \$500 license in La Salle, which will run them until May.

La Salle Times: The village of Wenona is beginning to bloom out since the coal shaft has been sunk there, and the business men are holding their heads up as if they were looking for golden harvests ahead. Property has advanced in value at least 25 per cent, within the last year, and not one house is vacant. This is a very good sign of prosperity at present, but the people look for better still. Already there is promise of an iron rolling mill being built and opened in the southwestern part of the town with other industries soon to follow.

Mr. Hamilton, the principal shareholder in the mine, has large property interests in Wenona and its immediate vicinity, and will do all in his power to build up these growing industries."

The Peru News says Alderman T. L. O'Connor, of La Salle, was arrested on Monday on complaint of Mary Skelly, who alleges the amorous alderman had beguiled her with his winking tongue. Mary is quite young and only a year from the old country. She has been employed in several of the best families of the Twin Cities, and every one with whom she has lived is anxious to testify that she is quite lady like and an industrious girl. Several months ago she worked for the mother of the defendant, and Mary swears that during the time her home was under the same roof, the alderman, with tender tales of love, won her young heart, and under the promise of marriage led her from the path of virtue, and in consequence—an infant alderman may be expected to arrive in time to take a hand in next spring's municipal election. The alderman waived examination and was put under \$500 bonds to explain the matter before an Ottawa court.

The consecration of the new Catholic church at Lonsant took place on Tuesday of this week. The ceremonies commenced about 10 o'clock, and were performed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Spaulding, of Peoria, assisted by the following priests: Rev. Father Pacificus, G. S. F., Minonk; Rev. Father Shottelher, Richmond; Rev. Father Philip, O. S. F., Bloomington; Rev. Father Bruno, O. S. F., Bloomington; very Rev. Father Ignatius, O. S. F., Reynolds, Ind.; Rev. Father Charles, O. S. F., St. Antonius church, Streator; Rev. Father Egan, Administrator of Lonsant; Rev. Father O'Kelly, El Paso; Rev. Father Smith, Wenona, and Rev. Father Reardon.

At the conclusion of the consecration the solemn high mass commenced, Rev. Father Pacificus being high priest celebrant; Rev. Father Shottelher, deacon; Rev. Father Egan, sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Philip, master of ceremonies. The music selected for the occasion was Mozart's 12th, with organ and orchestral accompaniment, and was beautifully sung by a choir of ladies and gentlemen from Streator. After mass the Bishop confirmed over two hundred candidates.

Geo. W. McMahon, a Streator coal operator, has sloped for parts unknown, leaving behind him a wife and family. The Press states that "on the 14th he collected all the money there was coming to him up to the 15th, and left without paying 14 men. This is the only crooked work he did, although when he told Cashier Richards he was hard up he was offered \$500 on his own note, which he refused to accept, and in other instances where he might easily have obtained plenty of money, he refused to accept it. He has always been regarded as an honest, hard working young man and had the entire confidence of all with whom he ever had any dealing. He took with him some \$5,000 or \$6,000 and probably went to Montana. His shaft was paying well and he could have had a profitable winter's work. Dick Evans took possession of the property and intended to run the business so that the debts could be paid, but the creditors became restless, especially the miners, so that it was thought best to make a sale of the property even at a sacrifice and pay them off. Accordingly a purchaser was found in El Cope, who gave \$3,000 for the property. It will take about \$2,600 to pay the debts, so it will leave Mrs. McMahon something.

From a conversation with a Streator man, one day this week, we are led to believe that that city has a valuable railroad connection in the "Three P's" road, which has been completed to that point from North Judson, Indiana. Depot accommodations are found with the Southwestern company, C. H. Smith being the freight and ticket agent, and already a good percentage of the eastern freight business is being transacted over that line, and the passenger traffic will soon develop into something that may cause a loss to Chicago, for rates from Streator to New York are about the same as from Chicago. It was this road that the FREE TRADER called the attention of the officers of the Seneca, Ottawa & Mendota company to last week and suggested that the project of making a connection therewith be considered, for if Streator can obtain Chicago rates there exists no reason why Ottawa and other points equally favored may not also. The sentiment is strong that the nearest and quickest way to get to market is what is wanted. The delays and expenses of shipping or traveling by Chicago must be overcome before

the people of this section will be satisfied. The farmers want that extra dollar on every acre of corn raised that a direct eastern line would give them; the manufacturers likewise want the same benefit upon their productions, and the merchants are demanding that their purchases shall be brought to Ottawa for a less rate than at present,—they do not take kindly to the idea of paying as much, nearly, for freight from Chicago to Ottawa, as is charged from New York to Chicago. We have great hopes that President Fiske and others interested in the new road will give us at an early day these required benefits.

From Ophir.

The most notable event of the week in our quiet burg was the hop held at the residence of genial Eddie Brady. A very large crowd of notable belles and their beaux participated. It was conceded by all that the best looking girl came from this side of town (bailly for our side). All enjoyed themselves until the wee small hours of early dawn. In fact, some haven't got home yet.

Messrs John and James Crowley took in the wedding dance in Homer last week. Both young men are well thought of in this part of royal old Ophir.

Billy Weyland held his wedding dance and reception last Friday evening in Masonic hall in Homer. A large crowd participated and all wished Billy and his bride a long and useful life of health, wealth and prosperity.

Herman's tarps caught gently the night of the dance.

Miss Fremont Banks, of La Salle, was the guest of her mother last week.

Miss May Lewis has gone to Kansas to grow up with the country. Miss May has two sisters residing in that state.

Our friend and worthy M. D. has an elephant on his hands in the shape of an alligator, sent him by some parties in the South.

Mr. Dan Carr is reported as having said that the voters in District No. 8 should all have a stroke of electricity direct from hell. Wonder what's wrong with our friend Carr. Had the last election anything to do with it?

Miss Julia Wallace, who has been very sick, has fully recovered.

The boys in Homer hold weekly reunions in the square. When short of stamps they charity some one, no matter if the latter is married or not, only so that they get their beer.

Both of our saloons are in full blast in spite of high license, and boys of all ages can be found in them, a thing that the Johns should see to, or they may get into trouble.

Some one (so I am informed) Saturday night stole Dr. Everett's pants and pocket-book from his bedside. I have not heard all the particulars, but will give them in full in my next.

I am informed, by good authority, that at the party in Homer last week at the residence of a poor laborer none but the wealthy were invited. One of the gent's daughters said she did not want any poor scrubs at her reception. A pretty puss, indeed. Wonder where her crowd came from?

Mrs. George Ransberger and Link Short are both sick with fever.

Our Homer bard is doing badly, and will soon be a baid thing in that burgh. On Saturday evening one of our east side musicians blew so hard that the keys came out of his machine.

Our molasses mill is closed for the season, but the business of making cider is pushed to its utmost extent.

William Edwards has returned from his trip to Kansas, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Stottler. He reports crops as very good. Their wheat averaged 40 bushels, and corn will not go less than 45 bushels.

It is rumored that a lodge of A. O. U. W. will be started in Homer.

The fall trade of both our stores is very good.

The Baptist church will be painted as soon as the necessary fund can be collected, say in a year or two.

The latest agent here was the portrait engraver, Mr. F. Libbey, of Earl. He received a good many orders, as he should, as he is an honest, energetic farmer boy, and bound to succeed. Pedro.

From Ransom.

Thomas Sullivan is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Palmer, of Chicago.

Charlie Smith has moved his family into the rooms over C. F. Moor's shop.

Miss Sarah Lafferty and her sister Annie have closed their schools and returned to Ottawa.

G. E. Sherkleton was in Chicago last week buying his winter's supply of goods.

A delegation, consisting of 17 persons, went to Ottawa last Wednesday to tell the grand jurors what they knew about the saloons and drug stores of Ransom, and it seems our druggists have sold more than medicine. But their day of reckoning has come.

Ed Hinenan returned last week from Nebraska. He rented a farm near Omaha.

Miss Slattery has laid down the rule in District No. 2.

A Brookfield pedagogue is looking for a house to rent. What does that mean, Frank?

The latest informer is said to be Jerry Favorite. Who will be the avenger?

Otto Soffe has rented the farm of M. J. Lane.

Gus and Waxy skipped out when they heard they were wanted in Ottawa, but the deputy nabbed them.

The G. A. R. entertainment Thursday evening was a success. The Streator members, accompanied by their ladies and Atkins' band, came up to assist their com-

rades in singing, speaking, eating, and having a good time.

Mr. Thomas Stevens, who has been in Vanaville, Cal., about a year, has returned home.

She would not go with Doc Thursday evening. It seems Prof. Crangle is sold yet.

La Salle county has been blessed this year with an extraordinary potato crop, and as this is digging time, big yields and big potatoes are now in order. Mr. Robt. A. Graham, a farmer near Streator, reports to us that he dug from a patch of fourteen acres, 2,700 bushels, or nearly 200 bushels to the acre.

Mr. T. L. Crane, of South Ottawa, showed us a basket of potatoes raised by him of extraordinary size, ranging from 1 1/2 to 3 pounds each. They were of the Brown's Beauty and Prince Albert varieties.

The True Test.

If a man is hungry within an hour more or less after a meal he is a dyspeptic. It shows his stomach is not able to dispose of what he has eaten, but to eat again and thus impose more work, is absurdity. Take Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which cures dyspepsia, and all stomach, liver, kidney and bladder troubles. It is a perfect tonic, appetizer, blood purifier, a sure cure for acute and chronic diseases. Price 50 cents, of E. Y. Griggs.

William Russell, whose name is familiar to every one from its connection with the Maggie Cuddy murder case near Utica, several years ago, and who a few months ago was indicted again for an attempt to murder and rob the lock tender near Utica, has received his just reward at the hands of Judge Pillsbury of the Livingston County Circuit Court. It will be remembered the case was taken to that circuit on a change of venue, and on Tuesday was called, Mr. Brewer attending on behalf of the people of this county, and G. W. W. Blake for the prisoner. The jury was impaneled and evidence for the people introduced, which, although circumstantial, gave such a chain about the young man, that conviction was assured. In fact, after a consultation, a plea of guilty upon the several charges was entered, Russell throwing himself upon the mercy of the court.

After considering the case in all its bearings, the court passed a sentence of thirteen years in the penitentiary. The verdict will give universal satisfaction, for although Russell is but a young man the public believes his heart is steeped in crime and that if left at large he would commit other and perhaps greater depredations, unless his course was stayed by the influence of a self appointed judge and jury.

Blessing to All Mankind

In these times when our Newspapers are loaded with patent medicine advertisements it is gratifying to know what to procure that will certainly cure you. If you are Bilious, blood out of order, Liver inactive, or generally debilitated, there is nothing in the world that will cure you so quickly as Electric Bitters. They are a blessing to all mankind, and can be had for only fifty cents a bottle of G. Gehring.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Market.

Inter-Ocean, 26th: "The speculative trading in the grain markets on 'Change was quite active to day, but the shipping demand was only moderate, while provisions ruled quiet throughout the entire session. The feeling was decidedly strong in wheat, and the other cereals also ruled a shade higher, but the advance was not sustained, the markets during the last hour of the session developing a rather weak feeling. The firmness and advance was attributed to wet and rainy weather in the West and smaller receipts. The unfavorable tenor of foreign advices tended in a measure to check the buoyancy. The visible supply of wheat showed an increase of 500,000 bushels, and of corn a decrease of about 1,300,000 bushels.

"Receivers of corn claim that the movement of new corn will not begin to any extent before Dec. 1, and should wet weather continue possibly it will be still later.

"Continued heavy arrivals of cattle accompanied with a cold, beating rain during the day caused a dull and dragging market. Values on all grades excepting best natives ruled weaker and averaged low per 100 lbs. Lower, closing with from 7,000 to 10,000 left in the pens unsold. Trains on all the leading railroads were much delayed, due mainly to the heavy rains. Exporters and shippers bought freely and paid as high as \$6.75 per 100 lbs. for extra steers weighing 1,500 lbs and under. Common to choice drives ranged at \$4.10 to 6.50, mainly at \$5.50 to 6.15 for good to choice.

"Larger receipts and a rather dragging demand caused lower prices for all grades of packing and shipping hogs, and the market closed weak at 50 to 100 lbs decline from former quotations, with fully 14,000 hogs carried over unsold, largely interior and common lots."

Yesterday's closing prices were:

Wheat 90 1/2 91 1/2
Corn 46 1/2 47 1/2
Oats 27 1/2 28 1/2
Pork 10 1/2 10 3/4
Lard 7 1/2 7 3/4

Ottawa Markets.

OTTAWA, Oct. 19, 1883.

Flour and Feed.

Victor Mills—Silver Cloud, patent, 9 cut, 12 1/2
Hungerford, 12 1/2
Zephyr, 12 1/2
City Mills—City Mills, 100 lbs, 12 1/2
Sen Flour, 12 1/2

Foreign Flour.

Flour, Patent, 9 cut, 12 1/2
Flour, Kansas winter, 100 lbs, 12 1/2
Flour, Minnesota spring wheat, retail, 12 1/2
Bran, 100 lbs, 2 1/2
Shorts, 100 lbs, 2 1/2
Corn Meal, retail, 100 lbs, 1 1/2
Feed—corn and oats, per 100 lbs, 1 1/2

GRAIN AND SEED.

Wheat, 9 cut, 48 1/2 49 1/2
Rye, 50 1/2 51 1/2
Corn, shelled, 35 1/2 36 1/2
Soy, 23 1/2 24 1/2
Data, 23 1/2 24 1/2
Timothy Seed, 14 1/2 15 1/2

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, new, 30 1/2 31 1/2
Butter, 18 1/2 19 1/2
Eggs, 18 1/2 19 1/2
Hickories, live, (spring), 100 lbs, 2 1/2 2 3/4
Hay, 100 lbs, 1 1/2 1 3/4

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle on foot, cows, 2 1/2 3 1/2
Cattle on foot, steers, 2 1/2 3 1/2
Fat Calves, live weight, 100 lbs, 4 1/2 5 1/2
Hogs, 100 lbs, 4 1/2 5 1/2
Lamb, 100 lbs, 4 1/2 5 1/2
Live Hogs, 100 lbs, 4 1/2 5 1/2

TALLOW, HIDE AND BALT.

Lard, 7 1/2 7 3/4
Tallow, 6 1/2 6 3/4
Hides, 12 1/2 13 1/2
Salt, 12 1/2 13 1/2
Butter, 18 1/2 19 1/2
Eggs, 18 1/2 19 1/2
Calves, 12 1/2 13 1/2
Densons, 12 1/2 13 1/2
Pine Hides, 12 1/2 13 1/2
Dry Salt, 12 1/2 13 1/2

The grain prices cover whole lots, and market, from warehouse prices to prices paid for odd lots for feed.

Nearer to Nature.

Nature has made her laws with us, which we must obey or suffer the penalty. The penalty is often lung and throat trouble, which leads to consumption. Every man believes consumption incurable. People have been educated to this belief, which has been proven incorrect by Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which is nature's great helpmate, and restores consumption and all throat and lung diseases speedily and permanently. Trial bottles free, of E. Y. Griggs.

THE SCHMIDT MANIA.—At Kent, Portage County, O., a town once known as Frank in Mills, a tramp on Wednesday leaped into a flaming furnace used for making glass. The men quickly worked raked out a good portion of his body for decent burial, the chances of which he had so lightly thrown away. At Warrenton, Mo., a lunatic killed himself by hanging a red-hot stove.

Mother's Spinning Wheel.

Concerning One Article that was Not For Sale, and Another which is Cheap at Any Price.

"No, sir, I wouldn't sell you that for any money that spinning wheel was my mother's. It was one day, when she was singing like a lark and making the old wheel hum, that my father, then a young medical student, afterwards a farmer, fell in love with her—some fifty years ago."

So spoke the proprietor of a rough bit of farm land in (Utica county, N. Y.), a relic-souther, and "mother's" spinning wheel remained singing her children and grandchildren.

"My mother," writes Rev. J. W. Phelps, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Chicago, "has been PARKER'S TONIC, and while she was young she has found it more effective than anything she ever used for invigorating and strengthening the system, debilitated by malaria. She desires me also especially to mention the certainty with which it aids digestion and overcomes exhaustion."

Ever since the first household was established "mother's" opinion has been more potent in this world than that of judges, jurists or physicians. Her hand has always ruled the fever and her voice has been filled with hope. With each day's decline, PARKER'S Tonic is becoming more and more popular with the women who guard alike husband and children. It eradicates malarial poisons from the blood from which there is now such widespread suffering.

Please observe: Dr. PARKER'S Tonic is not an intoxicant. It is a combination of several ingredients, of which none singly can produce anything like its effect. For kidney, stomach and liver troubles it is the standard and unfailing remedy. In two sizes: 50 cents and \$1. The latter the cheaper. Hirsco & Co., Chemists, New York.

Loss and Gain.

CHAPTER I.

"I was taken sick a year ago with bilious fever."

"My doctor pronounced me cured, but I got sick again, with terrible pains in my back and sides, and I got so bad I could not move!"

I shrank!

From 225 lbs. to 130! I had been doctoring for my liver, but it did me no good. I did not expect to live more than three months. I began to use Hop Bitters. Directly my appetite returned, my pains left me, my entire system seemed renewed as if by magic, and after using several bottles I am not only as sound as a sovereign but weigh more than I did before. To Hop Bitters I owe my life."

R. FITZPATRICK.

Dublin, June 6, 1881.

How to Get Sick.—Expose yourself day and night; eat too much without exercise; work too hard without rest; doctor all the time; take all the vile nostrums advertised; and then you will want to know how to get well, which is answered in three words—Take Hop Bitters!

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TEXAS Land, either for occupancy or for investment, are surely the best in the U. S. Call for maps, plotted matter and information, free of charge. Several Ottawa men have made 50 per cent. on Texas Land, and just as good chances can be had now. DR. J. O. HARRIS.

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